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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 8/8/05.

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)–(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

2. The drawings were received on 2/22/02. These drawings are approved.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1–14 and 16–20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tayloe et al (5,095,500), previously cited.

–Regarding to claims 1, 12, 13, see figure 1, and col. 3, line 17 to col. 6, line 40, Tayloe et al discloses a radio communication system having a plurality of terminals terminal (100) and a base station (106, 116),

wherein each of the terminals comprises comprising:

a reception status detector (inherently included in (100)) for detecting a reception status (signal strength, signal quality, etc.) of a signal received from said base station (see col. 4, lines 8–11); and

a notification unit (inherently included in (100)) for notifying said base station of the reception status detected by said reception status detector (see col. 4, lines lines 8–11);

wherein the base station comprises:

a management unit (106, 116, 119, 120) for managing the terminals (e.g., for regulating processes of switching established calls from one cell to another as the corresponding terminals travel from cell to cell (see col. 4, lines 8–15), managing transmission powers of the terminals (see col. 5, lines 1–5), etc.);

a collector (101, 116, 120) for collecting the reception statuses of the terminals managed by said management unit (see col. 5, lines 25–39); and

a display control unit (122, 118) for displaying on a display unit, the reception status of the terminals collected by said collector (see col. 5, lines 40–49).

–Regarding to claim 2, Tayloe et al discloses that said terminals detect at least one of a received signal strength and a reception data error rate, as the reception status of the signal received from said base station (see (see col. 4, lines 8–11)).

–Regarding to claim 3, Tayloe et al discloses that wherein the signal received from said base station is a signal obtained upon radio connection between said base station and said terminals (see figure 1).

–Regarding to claim 4, Tayloe et al discloses that said base station issues a reception status notification request during the radio connection with said terminals (by sending signals to said terminals for measuring signal strength and signal quality based on said signals (see col. 4, lines 8–11); and when said terminals receive the reception status notification request from said base

station, said notification unit of said terminals notifies said base station of the reception status in response to the reception status notification request (by reporting results of the measurement to said base station (see col. 4, lines 8–11)).

–Regarding to claim 5, Tayloe et al discloses that the signal received from said base station is a notification signal which is always transmitted from said base station and based on which said reception status is obtained (see col. 4, lines 8–10); said terminals inherently have a storage device for capturing, namely, storing, the reception status before being able to send back the reception status to the base station; and said reception status detector detects the reception status upon reception of the notification signal and notifies said base station of the reception status (see col. 4, lines 8–11).

–Regarding to claim 6, Tayloe et al discloses that said base station: has a storage device (inherently included) for storing the reception status notified from said terminals (for collecting and comparing values of said reception status (see col. 4, lines 33–36)), with linkage to terminal identification information (location) of said terminals (see col. 3, lines 46–50, 55–59); and

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displays the reception status and the terminal identification information stored in said storage device, linked to each other, on said display unit (see col. 4, lines 38–40, col. 5, lines 17–52).

–Regarding to claim 7, Tayloe et al discloses that said base station: has an extractor (inherently included in (106, 116) for extracting the worst reception status (degraded services) among reception statuses and the terminal identification information (locations of the respective terminals) of the reception status stored in said storage device; and displays the worst reception status and the terminal identification information extracted by said extractor on said display unit (see figure 4, and col. 5, lines 17–52, and col. 6, lines 63 to col. 7, line 3).

–Regarding to claim 8, Tayloe et al discloses that if radio connection cannot be established with said a terminal (indicated by measured bit–error rates), said base station displays the terminal identification information (location) of said that terminal on said display unit (see figure 4).

–Regarding to claim 9, Tayloe et al discloses that said base station has a register (inherently included in (106, 116) for registering and tracking locations

of said plurality of terminals by receiving communication message signals from the respective terminals (see col. 3, lines 40–43); and said base station performs call origination, issuance of the reception status notification request, and reception of the reception status, on said terminals registered in said register in sequence, repeatedly (see col. 4, lines 8–40).

–Regarding to claim 10, Tayloe et al discloses that wherein said base station has an interface for connection with said display unit (see figure 1).

–Regarding to claim 11, Tayloe et al discloses that said base station and said terminal terminals is a digital cordless phone system (see figure 1, and col. 3, lines 25–33).

–Regarding to claims 14, 16, 18, 19, Tayloe et al discloses that said display controller stores and displays an identification information (locations) about the terminals that could be connected (indicated by good bit error rates) and could not be connected or communicated by said radio unit (indicated by bad bit error rates), and the reception status (bit error rates) on the display (see figure 4, and col. 5, lines 40–51 and col. 6, line 62 to col. 7, line 3).

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–Regarding to claim 17, Tayloe et al discloses that said collector collects at least one of a received signal strength and a reception data error rate, as the reception status of the signal received from said base station (see col. 4, lines 28–36, 54–58).

–Regarding to claim 20, as applied to claim 1, Tayloe et al discloses a method comprising:

a management step (106, 116, 119, 120) for managing the terminals (e.g., for regulating processes of switching established calls from one cell to another as the corresponding terminals travel from cell to cell (see col. 4, lines 8–15), managing transmission powers of the terminals (see col. 5, lines 1–5), etc.);

a collector step (101, 116, 120) for collecting the reception statuses of the terminals managed by said management unit (see col. 5, lines 25–39); and

a display control step (122, 118) for displaying on a display unit, the reception status of the terminals collected by said collector (see col. 5, lines 40–49).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

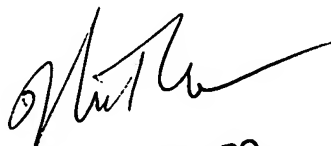
6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanh D. Phu whose telephone number is (571)272-7857. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on (571)272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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